Tuesday, December 9, 2014

To the members of the committee:

The undersigned write today to oppose House Bill 5977 for the following reasons:

- House Bill 5977 would take away the right for local governments to operate in a way in which their residents want it to operate.
- This bill will tie the hands of the people and their local elected governments.
- It prevents elected officials and those who elect them from negotiating with giant corporations for community benefits when those corporations use tax money and public resources.
- This bill will also take away local control when it comes to minimum wage and paid-sick leave.

This bill is another attempt by the legislature to control local governments and tie the hands of local elected leaders. This type of bill does a disservice to local governments and is a slap in the face to Michigan residents that vote for local leaders to make local decisions.

Respectfully,

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